NAMES.

A.

G. Φλομις.

L. Primula Veris.

I. Primavera.

G. Maslieben.

F. Prime-vere.

S. Vellorita.

D. Sleutel-blom.

THE COMMON PRIMROSE.

PARTS USED

are the Roots, and Flowers.

PREPARATIONS.

None.

PLACE.

Under Hedges, on Banks, and in Thickets.

TIME.

It flowers in March and April.

DESCRIPTION.

The Root has many Fibres, from which arise the Leaves 1, that are much rumpled, of a pleasant Green of a middling Colour, a little inclining to Bluish: On the back part the Sinews are large, and from the many White Hairs they are much lighter coloured, and very soft. From among the Leaves grow up the Flower-Buds 2, on single Stalks of a very whitish Green and hairy; out of this deep ribbd Cup grows the Flower 3, which is one Leaf cut into five equal Divisions, of a pale Colour between Yellow and White, with Points of a full Yellow up each Part, that form a Sort of Star: at 4 is a Flower open'd, and in the Tube appears the Seed-Vessel with the Style, on whose Top is a small Ball: all these Parts are almost white, the Summits are fixd to the Inside of the Tube, in some Flowers above the Top of the Style, in some below the Ball, as in this Figure; the Summits and Farina are both Yellow: a, the Ball; b, one Summit, both magnified.

VIRTUES.

The Juice of the Root is sometimes used to snuff up the Nose, with Intent to clear the Head: 'tis seldom used.

T. Sheldrake delin.

J. Basire jun.r sculp.